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the mineral salt and peroxide solutions being capable, when applied sequentially in effective amounts to the substrate, of reacting with each other in the presence of the substrate to impart the color to the substrate.

SUB CZ 2. (Amended) A method for treating a substrate with the kit of claim 30 comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting a substrate with a <u>first</u> formulation comprising an <u>oxidizable</u> metal salt, and allowing an effective amount of the <u>first</u> formulation to penetrate the substrate, and sequentially but without regard to order,
- (b) contacting the substrate with a <u>second</u> formulation comprising an oxygen source, and allowing an effective amount of the <u>second</u> formulation to penetrate the substrate,
- (c) reacting in situ the first and the second formulation with each other in contact with the substrate, and
- (d) imparting a stable change to characteristics of the substrate

[such that the two formulations react with each other in contact with the substrate to impart a stable change to the characteristics of the substrate].

- 30. A kit for treating a substrate, comprising
- (a) an oxidizable metal salt preparation as a first application to the substrate, and
- (b) an oxygen source preparation as a sequential application to the substrate,

the preparations being adapted to penetrate the substrate